

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STAFF NOTE

Review Item

2010-2012 Biennial Budget Update for the Kentucky Department of Education

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS Chapter 48, KRS 156.024

History/Background:

2010-2012 Biennial Budget Update:

Existing Policy. As part of the FY 2010-2012 Biennial Budget Bill, which passed in June 2010, the Governor had to make \$131 million in efficiency reductions across state government in FY 2011. This was achieved by debt restructuring, furloughs and program cuts. KDE's share of these efficiency reductions totaled approximately \$5 million dollars and resulted in reductions to both operational and program areas.

This is a recurring efficiency measure, meaning that KDE has to make the same types of reductions in FY 2012. In addition, in FY 2012, the Biennial Budget Bill also requires that the Governor make \$168.9 million in additional efficiency reductions across state government. At this time, the exact impact of these cumulative reductions upon KDE is unclear. KDE staff will provide the board with an update on the status of these reductions at the June meeting.

2012-2014 Biennial Budget Preparation Process:

Pursuant to KRS 156.024, the Board must review the KDE's Biennial Budget Request before it is submitted to the Governor in November. At the June meeting, KDE budget staff will provide the Board with additional information relating to this process.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Sufficient funding for education programs is essential for all students to be college- and career-ready.

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